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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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The Applicant hereby elects hereby elects the claims of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-6, drawn to a pipette with a relatively movable block, rod and cylinder to provide for distinct volume control, classified in class 73, subclass 864.13.

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office action of November 9, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. The Examiner has set forth restriction requirement including claims 1-6 in Group I, claims 8-13, 22, and 23 in Group II, claims 18 and 19 in Group III, claims 24-26 in Group IV, claim 27 in Group V, claims 28-35, and 40-44 in Group VI, and claims 36-39 in Group VII. By the foregoing, the Applicant has elected to restrict examination to claims 1-6 in Group I.

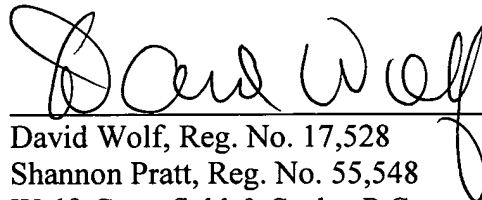
Having made this election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.

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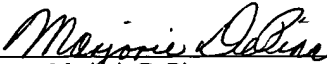
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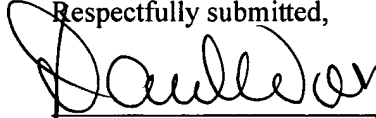
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